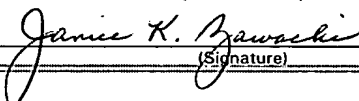


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Enclosed are:

☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (21 pages).

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- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
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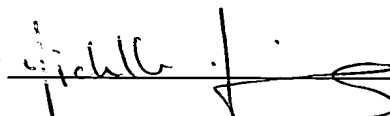
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